

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Dennis P. J. Ting and William C. Conway

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 3 through 5 with the following paragraph:

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/272,716, filed on March 1, 2001, the entire teachings of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Amendments to the specification are indicated in the attached "Marked Up Version of Amendments" (page i).

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to correct errors of a clerical nature. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (781) 861-6240.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARKED UP VERSION OF AMENDMENTSSpecification Amendments Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(1)(iii)

Replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 3 through 5 with the below paragraph marked up by way of bracketing and underlining to show the changes relative to the previous version of the paragraph.

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